

MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

JACKSON COUNTY

This listing for Jackson County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county. The cities are listed alphabetically.

COUNTY-WIDE

Jackson Nonprofit Support Center

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Program Description:

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County, Inc.

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Bigs in Schools and Project COPE

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Program Description:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County has a variety of one-on-one mentoring programs for elementary, middle, and high school students. The Community Based Mentoring Program supports children from single-parent homes or children who live with foster families, other relatives, or a guardian. Project COPE (Children of Prisoners Excel) serves children whose fathers are incarcerated. School-based programs pair mentors and mentees who meet once a week during or after school hours. Project COPE and school-based programs often reach high risk children from dysfunctional or isolated families in particular need of additional adult support. All programs provide individualized mentoring plans and are successful in building the positive assets children possess, improving self-esteem, enhancing attitude toward school, and increasing decision-making ability.

Volunteers are trained and screened by professionals at BBBS. Volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves one to four hours per week during morning, afternoon, evening, or weekend hours.

ExperienceSeniorPower.com

Tony Fama

Maria Madeline Project, Inc.

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Oak Park, Michigan 48237

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Program Description:

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Michigan Youth Leadership Forum

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Program Description:

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

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Jackson BookPartners Literacy Program

Barry Keatley

Methodist Children's Home Society

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Program Description:

The Jackson BookPartners Literacy Program mentors children ages seven through nine in reading skills. This program utilizes Wright 'Guided Reading' books that stress comprehension and vocabulary skills. The materials foster communication and each easy paced hour allows students ample time for sharing and achievement. All materials are provided and a coordinator is always present to assist the volunteers. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a three month commitment anytime from October through May, which involves two hours per week during afterschool hours.

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RSVP Tutor/Mentoring

JoAnn McGonegal

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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Program Description:

RSVP Tutoring/Mentoring programs help many children achieve grade level in reading and math skills. This is a one-on-one, school-based program for elementary and high school students. This intergenerational program also focuses on life skills. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves two to four hours per month during morning, afternoon, or afterschool hours.

Spring Arbor University

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Program Description:

The Spring Arbor University mentoring program has evolved from group mentoring into once a week one-on-one mentoring for elementary and middle school youth. Once a month there is an organized, large-group activity for mentors and mentees to come together for bowling, swimming, etc. This program works together with City Life Ministries in Jackson to recruit and train volunteers. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves one hour per week during afterschool, evening, or weekend hours.

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MENTORING COLLABORATIVE

Mentoring Collaboratives are community-wide resources for mentoring programs, people looking to become mentors, and youth who want a mentor or need access to mentoring services. A Collaborative serves as a coordinating body for mentoring activities in their service area, which could be city-wide, county-wide, or regional in focus. They provide awareness and education around mentoring issues and work to ensure that all age groups are represented and provided with mentoring services. Collaboratives are made up of the mentoring programs in their service area, and they meet regularly to share best practices, learn about new trends in the field, partner on projects, and learn from one another.

Mentoring Collaborative of Jackson County

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